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I. Profession Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction Date of Admission

Law	Appellate Division, 2d Department	Sept. 12, 1973
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II. Professional Organization Date of Admission Active/Inactive

Association of the Bar of the City of NY	1980's	Active
NYS Bar Assoc.	1980's	Active

III. General professional experience:

After graduating from Barnard College in 1969 and the University of Chicago Law School in 1972, I served as law clerk to the Honorable Whitman Knapp, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, for two years. I was an assistant professor of law at New York Law School for several years, teaching Federal Civil Procedure and Federal Courts. In 1982, I became associated with the firm of Scoppetta & Seiff, and became a partner in 1990. In 1996 the firm changed its name to Seiff & Kretz, and in 1999, it became Seiff Kretz & Maffeo. I have litigated hundreds of civil cases in the state and federal courts. Most of these cases have involved commercial disputes, but I have also handled employment disputes, family law matters, trusts and estates, and criminal cases, as well as appeals.

IV. General pertinent experience:

I have been a mediator for the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court, New York County, for about four years. I have successfully resolved every case assigned to me (approximately seven cases), in either one or several sessions.

I have also participated in numerous mediations as an advocate.

V. Mediation training:

Commercial Division Mediation Workshop, sponsored by the Commercial Division, 24 hour program (June 14 – 16, 1999). A major portion of this workshop consisted of role-playing in simulated mediations. (This program entitled me to 24 hours of CLE credit.)

I have also participated in a 3-hour program at the NY County Lawyers' Association, and a one-day program also sponsored by the Commercial Division.

VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:

I have litigated several adversary proceedings in the Southern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts, representing plaintiffs. I have also represented creditors, and have a general familiarity with Bankruptcy Law.

VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:

Having represented numerous businessmen/women for more than twenty-five years, I have acquired a thorough understanding of commercial issues, which helps me to find creative solutions to their problems.